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Date: March 22, 2007
To: Interested Parties
From: Erika C. Robbins, Assistant Deputy Director
Office of Ohio Health Plans (OHP)

March MFP Planning and Advisory Group Meeting

March 28, 2007

3:00 to 5:00 pm

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I have attached the agenda for the March 28, 2007 Planning and Advisory Group Meeting. At our February 27, 2007 conference call, OHP committed to the coordination of an in-person meeting to discuss “vision”. We indicated that we would provide a document to encourage conversation and provide a mechanism for group reaction to key concepts. With the help of the MFP “Rebalancing” Workgroup, we developed a list of questions that we plan to use to gather input leading to the eventual development of an MFP vision and values document. The vision and values document will be used as the foundation for the two goals of MFP: 1.) transition of the @2200 individuals out of institutional settings and 2.) redesign of the current long term service and support structure.

You will receive the draft questions under separate memo on Monday, March 26, 2007. When you receive the list of questions, you can attend the March 28, 2007 Planning and Advisory Group Meeting to provide input in person OR you can provide input in writing via e-mail, OR you can provide input both in person and in writing.

I have also included version 1 of the workgroup participant list and schedule. You will note that the “rebalancing” workgroup is not scheduled past today. The workgroup has determined that meetings will begin following development of the vision and values documents described above.

We look forward to seeing you next week! If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail or call me at robbie@odjfs.state.oh.us or 614-728-0175.



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In the March 22 Memo announcing this week's Planning and Advisory Group meeting I promised a document to encourage a conversation to solicit input and ideas from this group as we develop a description of the vision and values document. Based on discussion with the MFP Rebalancing Workgroup and the other Workgroup leads, we have identified some questions to start the conversation. These questions will help us understand the issues, ideas and concerns that exist around MFP funding and costs, the definition of the "system" we're attempting to reform, what our vision of a reformed system might look like, and consumer expectations.

1. Describe what is meant by the term *long-term care (LTC)*. What is the array of services needed to assure balance?
2. Describe your ideal long-term service and support structure – the "to be" state. What are the constraints?
3. Describe how MFP will meet consumers' needs/expectations. What is an integrated and flexible system? What is community?
5. Do you think a balanced system will be less expensive, cost-neutral or more expensive than the current LTC system? Why?
6. What is meaningful choice? What is self-direction?
7. At the end of five years, how will success be defined? At the end of ten years? Longer?

You can provide input on these questions in the meeting on Wednesday, you can submit your thoughts in writing, or do both. If you cannot attend Wednesday's meeting, but can provide written comments prior to Tuesday, March 27 at 5:00 p.m., they will be shared with the Planning and Advisory Group. If you cannot get comments in by then, they will be added to the meeting notes and to the discussion as we develop a document to describe the vision and values for Ohio's MFP and Rebalancing efforts. Please get any written comments submitted by Friday, April 6, 2007 for consideration.

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Governor



Helen E. Jones-Kelley
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